

April 28, 1939.

Major R. R. Jackson,  
133 E. 47th St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Major:

I am not writing you this letter as an official of Negro National League Baseball, but simple as one of the Teams who is very anxious to see organized baseball properly conducted.

This question that has arisen of the two Leagues taking each others players is a very serious one. I, personally, believe most of the players want to be in the East, and I am sure your League would suffer a great deal more than ours if we engaged in a war over ball players, however, in my opinion such a thing should be out of the question so far as we people of intelligence are concerned. We must be very careful not to let our personal interest enter into the baseball, as it is definitely a big race issue involved. Negro Baseball is in the progress of being built up and I believe has a chance to go forward if the people engaged in it will do the things they should.

In the case of the Pittsburgh Crawfords players, until you had received word that our League had waived all claims on them, your League should not have even negotiated with any of them. I believe that the best interest of all concerned will be served if you ordered those players sent back immediately, then we can proceed to order the players that have been taken from your League sent back and we will not go after any more. Please look at this thing morally, financially and as a race issue, as well as technically.

Hope matters will be straightened out within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

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